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Chapter 201

Cordy and John ultimately boarded their flight back to North City, arriving at 3 PM North City time.

Since neither of them slept well last night, they were slumbering on the private jet all the way home, and they were spirited once they disembarked.

John's black Maybach was already waiting by the plane after their flight touched down with Randy standing beside it, receiving them respectfully.

Opening the door for them, he said, "Welcome back, Mr. and Mrs. Levine."

Mrs. Levine...

Cordy's cheeks turned red but she followed John into the car anyway.

Randy rode shotgun and began to list John's schedule for the day, "Sir, since we've postponed three dinners for your seven-day trip, I've arranged them for later tomorrow night and on the two following nights respectively per your instructions."

"Good," John replied.

important guests during the Levine Ventures anniversary banquet tonight. Your grandfather specifically asked me to remind you to be there on time. A tailored

aback.

future Mrs. Levine, it's

embarrassed just then-Randy was

Randy continued respectfully, "I've set up a meeting to discuss Starstream Fashion's partnership with North City Channel at 10 AM tomorrow. They have agreed upon most of the details, and here is a copy of the agreement. If there are no issues for you, you may meet

surprised as Randy actually pulled out the agreement and handed it

though she was gone for a week, progress at work was not delayed at

she read through the agreement, she could not help asking, "How much

told her, "You

him a glare-he was really

only way to get Randy to work for you is by marrying me,"

never passed up an opportunity

headed to the luxury goods outlet

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Minor disturbances in the banquet hall would never affect that many people, which was why Cordy's arrival did not affect anyone by much. Still, the crowd's eyes would be drawn to her golden silhouette, though they only allowed their eyes to linger for just a moment before turning

away

At the moment, they would rather spend every second they had mingling with the rich and powerful individuals present.

As for Cordy, she headed over to an inconspicuous corner and waited there. She recognized a couple of faces, though she wondered if everyone who came today were not from North City since there were plenty of people she did not recognize.

Naturally, that was not her priority either-she was keeping an eye out for Richard.

She certainly missed the boy after being apart for so long.

But as she scanned the crowd that was constantly on the move, a man's voice she did not recognize spoke beside her ear. "Cordy Sachs?"

Cordy turned toward the man. She found him familiar, but could not quite put a finger on where they had met.

The man was able to tell, and he glowered immediately as he introduced himself in annoyance. Bryson Zimmer."

He had not expected Cordy to forget about him!

thought that might not really be

love to

was

still could not

A business partner?

whom she discussed business with, even if they had met just once-no, even if the deal

Sachs! I would agree

to properly greet

thinking that since they were acquainted, she should at least be considerate since it was a gesture of respect to

goes both ways, with no one obliged to

she turned and

"Cordy Sachs!"

really thought nothing of him, Bryson promptly

arm.

you don't want to make a scene!"

Levine Ventures' anniversary celebration as one of the employees, and he could not afford

met at the Sachs family

right then-Bryson was the man

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Nonetheless, Cordy was glaring coolly at Bryson.

She considered him no more than a passing acquaintance and did not expect him to be such a creep.

"Anyone who can attend Levine Ventures' anniversary celebration tonight is either rich or powerful!

Bryson continued smugly.

"So?" Cordy asked in return.

"So I'm above the rest!" Bryson snapped angrily, his voice getting ever louder.

Cordy smiled sardonically-this was genuinely amusing.

"Am I not here?" she asked.

he quickly tried to puff himself up with a sense of accomplishment. "You're just benefiting from your connection to Sachs Enterprises. On the other hand,

a single member of the Sachs family around here?" Cordy

Sachs either-the Jessops were nowhere to be seen, and they had reason to

would be here very early, let alone

every

member of either family was anywhere to be found in the banquet hall. They would definitely not be upstairs either,

those two families who loved socializing so

being invited was the only reason they were not

As for why?

sure that it was John's personal

thought warmed her heart

had not seen the Sachs at all. Moreover, he

he was not about to let up, and he kept coming with excuses as he continued to debase Cordy. "What are you getting so smug about?! You just happened to catch some hype

while scolding me for being smug while I never said a word. Have you never been acknowledged by
“Cordy Sachs!!!”

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Bryson could see Cordy’s contempt, and he scowled as he continued, “You have to understand that your hype is only temporary, Cordy. Your past remains a mess, and people will continue to belittle you once your hype passes. You should be pleased that I don’t hold it against you.”

“Mr. Zimmer, do you mean to say that if I start dating you, you can use your position to ensure that my company develops unimpeded in North City?” Cordy asked.

Bryson grinned. “Exactly. You’re the one who gets the better end of the deal if we start dating-”

The man standing behind him finally had enough. “Mr. Zimmer.”

Bryson promptly turned to find Randy standing behind him, and his expression promptly changed- high and mighty just a second before, he was now fawning and eager to please.

“Oh, Mr. Martin! Hello, hello!” Bryson exclaimed, extending a hand.

Everyone in Levine Ventures certainly understood that Randy was John’s personal assistant and basically his second-in-command.

There was none who did not submit to him.

glance at

Bryson awkwardly withdrew

up to you to decide anything in Levine

Mr. Martin. I-I was just...you see, this woman here was arranged to marry me, and she was trying to ask my help with her private business. Of course

brow. “Are you sure she wants

do. Women always try to cut corners

to insult,” Randy growled coolly, cutting Bryson

was left in disbelief but quickly said, “Oh, Mr. Martin. She’s no angel, and you know how complicated the personal lives of certain people can get. You really shouldn’t be bewitched

wouldn’t dare,”

was left

any outstanding wages you’re due,” Randy said, not interested in wasting his time on a trivial man like Bryson.

thought he was hearing things and turned agitated in the next instant as he demanded, “You’re replied.

talking

on your own, Randy said coolly and beckoned to the
standing menacingly in front of Bryson,

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Naturally, Randy was under orders from John to help Cordy, since John was too busy to see to it
himself.

Even so, he was watching from above until the matter was resolved.

But just as he left, Cordy blinked-the woman who had been standing next to John turned to look
at her too.

There was neither hostility nor friendliness in her gaze, and it looked like a brief, nonchalant glance.

However, Cordy's woman's intuition was tingling spontaneously.

The banquet hall was getting even more lively, and at 8 PM, the host of the celebration showed up.

Alan was saved by a hair's breadth after the death of his son and daughter-in-law, but he was paraplegic
since and was wheelchair bound.

her on their trip to Ayro Island. At the time, he was so nonchalant when he spoke
thrown on him afterward.

must have been hard on him at the time, and Cordy's heart ached

tailored suit, appearing imposing as he wheeled Alan into the elevator on the second floor as they

John's aunt and uncle, Nancy

though Cordy realized it might be inappropriate

not with John and

Cordy looked up and saw Zoe standing by the handrail, a champagne glass in

if she sensed Cordy looking

had only been recently acquainted, but Cordy somehow found

in turn and took a sip

probably worried

had always worshiped her brother, after

John walked up to the podium while the rest of the Levines remained in a

in his alluring voice, the immense LED screen behind him displayed

contributions they made to society. The hall was completely silent for half an hour-it was clearly a PR gesture, but

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A man like Alan, who had weathered his fair share of trials and tribulations, would not usually be shaking with excitement like that.

Everyone was certainly interested, just as he spoke determinedly with great vigor. "My grandson will be formally engaged to Jessica Stuart, heiress of Stuart Holdings!"

Every guest was left in shock-there was no question that it was a big deal.

It already went without question that John would inherit Levine Ventures, even if no one had expected it to be this early.

On the other hand, no one would have expected John to be engaged to Jessica Stuart, the heiress to Rocktown's most important family!

Ever since John returned to the Zidonia, countless heiresses were getting restless, eager to get a shot at marrying him... only for this to happen?!

At the same time, Jessica was getting onstage at Alan's kindly beckoning.

She was wearing a pink gown that was attractive instead of tacky and not too reserved either. The tiny diamonds refracted a myriad radiance off the ground, presenting her fair skin as glowing.

wear pink and

happened to have a pink shirt collar on his tailored suit. Initially, it gave the impression of being unique and tailored to

stood beside him, however, the hue

Everyone understood right then.

and powerful as well, they could not help acknowledging

wealth and importance, while

could only offer their blessings since they had no

would notice that Alan was grabbing tightly onto John's hand, and those who did not know would think that it was a gesture

Alan knew what he was

and watched as the drama unfolded

describe how she felt? It was just so

suddenly remembered John telling her that there was

that case, why the sudden announcement

Cordy turned to leave.

were people who had a higher tolerance for anything happening

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With a look from Alan from the stage, the black-clad bodyguards present around the hall closed in on John instantly.

He did not even have the time to resist and was dragged away by force, watching as Cordy disappeared from sight.

Even so, his eyes were red and his knuckles clenched!

After Cordy left the banquet hall, she remained very calm. There was no fluster in her gait-she walked steadily as she lifted her skirt and was neither quick nor slow.

She waved, and a black luxury car stopped in front of her outside the banquet hall.

She had already sent Walter home since she was under the impression that she would be late.

The chauffeur stepped outside and opened the door for her.

She entered without turning back-not that she wanted to.

not hope, she would not be

backseat as she stared outside the

suddenly smiled-so she

really did change when

she was soon blinking as she

way to my apartment," she

Ms. Sachs, but Master Alan Levine has asked me to take you to Levine Manor," the chauffeur replied loudly

respectful, but there was an edge

fingers clenched, and she was about to reach for her phone to call the cops when the chauffeur continued, "Master Levine won't hurt you, but that

her intention and growled a

heart skipped a beat but she ultimately did not

Levines would have no issue making her disappear, and she was reluctant to take

Cordy saw that the front yard was at large as

in a place where every inch of land

the

another servant through their grand lobby and up to the second floor into a
no one else, and the servant said, "Please wait here for a moment, Ms. Sachs.
Levine will return soon."

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Cordy took her seat, neither cowed nor pompous as she spoke, "Thank you, Mr. Levine."

"I'm sure you understand why I've invited you to my humble abode—we're all business people and time is money, so let me cut to the chase," Alan said bluntly. "I would like you to leave my grandson."

"A relationship only concerns the two individuals involved. I don't believe it's appropriate for you to meddle with your grandson's affairs," Cordy replied, equally bluntly.

She was certainly not humbled or meek despite the pressure Alan was projecting.

However, it was not as if she could not leave John—they were not so intimate that they could turn against family.

And after Alan announced John's engagement to Jessica in front of so many people, said engagement was set in stone.

Cordy's relationship with John would in turn end unceremoniously.

Even so, she would rather she could end things candidly with John instead of having others intervening.

She had her own principles and dignity too.

attitude, Ms. Sachs,"

afraid, but you certainly changed my opinion with your show of

then said, "I understand that you have a past, but I have also seen your

was returning his gaze, not at all

Levines' scion. More conditions must be met, such as an equally important family background," Alan said directly. "In fact, you can pick any member of my family to be your spouse, barring

there

"Jay Parker," Alan replied.

to decide who

birth—not your disposition—that makes you unfit to marry John," Alan insisted. "And any relationship without the family's blessing would never be happy. I

Cordy pursed her lips.

after—it was the old man before

up with John," she said then. "My past experiences have enlightened me about what it means for others to refuse to acknowledge me, and I won't make the same mistake twice. However, you don't get to decide on your own what happens between myself and John. I would like him to give me some sort of explanation too,

studied Cordy,

how she broke up with Kyle -a clean

However...

refuse?" Alan

Cordy frowned.

did she have to

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Cordy was quiet, as if she was thinking.

Alan did not hurry her-business people are never afraid of spending time to negotiate a deal.

However, it did not take long for Cordy to answer. "Your offers are certainly tempting, Mr. Levine. Even so, I can earn the money myself, and it just doesn't feel right to be given money for nothing. no matter how much it is. As for the Sachs and the Jessops, I really don't think they would win against me, and it's a matter of time before they fall."

Alan was taking a sip of his tea, keeping his head down and his expression inscrutable.

As he slowly lowered his tea cup, he corrected himself. "I can give you all three."

In other words, he was saying that she did not have to choose.

"I have been perfectly clear-I don't need any of those," Cordy replied, determined.

"Did it cross your mind that I can keep what I offered eternally out of your reach and make you lose more in turn?" Alan growled threateningly, the air around him suddenly turning chilly

"You want me to leave John on my own accord because you're just worried I won't break up with him," Cordy pointed out, exposing Alan's intentions. "But would I really fear your threats when I have John as my trump card?"

did not expect her to

decided to fight me?"

you, Mr. Levine," Cordy replied. "All I want

give you fair!" Alan bellowed, cutting Cordy short. "And you will leave John,

her gaze

was hurrying back to Levine Manor as

to come to her senses after the surprise at the Levine Ventures'
worried when she
Zoe would never
could convince so many of
surprise, she came to have
was an utterly despicable
heart could break when she saw Cordy quietly turning
how it felt to be hurt by the one you loved most, and she was also positive that John had no idea
have fallen for her already if he had any feelings for her. There was no need for the sudden official
announcement, and even
to chase after Cordy, the Levines' bodyguards stopped her, saying

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'That crafty geezer! What is he doing to Cordy?!

'He could have sold her to human traffickers and none would have been the wiser!'

It was scarier the more Zoe thought about it, and she quickly got into her car, intent on saving Cordy from Levine Manor.

"Wait."

Jay caught her wrist but she shook him off violently.

She did it almost as soon as Jay touched her, and a moment of awkwardness ensued.

Still, Jay spoke calmly in the next instant. "When you see Cordy, tell her to doubt everything your grandfather says and not to make any hasty decisions. Tell her to wait for John until he explains everything to her."

"What are you talking about? Was John hiding something from her?" Zoe asked, sharp as ever.

It was not as if she was not smart-she simply did not use her brains properly, such as in her studies.

a couple days-things like these hurt, so try to counsel her. I'll postpone your scenes to a further time so you won't have to worry about coming to the film

it was pointless-Jay was never going to tell

did not want to.

to hurry

her chauffeur to floor it, and once her car stopped
something to say, Alan
instant Zoe opened the door, she immediately saw Cordy sitting inside,
an adult now!” Alan shot a look at Zoe after she barged in with a reprimanding
was not at all upset, however-it was just a nonchalant rebuke from an elder
and you’d still bully a little lady. People are
heart stirred as she watched
she hung
far older-where would I find the strength to tussle against
with Ms. Sachs here. Isn’t
not
did
not going to believe her grandfather-anything that